

Punk Rock Lives!

When I first heard punk music I was in seventh grade and it changed my life. I already didn't fit in and punk rock cinched it. In rural Vermont Punk was not very easily found and it wasn't until I started skateboarding that I found another kid who turned me on to the Dead Kennedys and such. I listened to a mix-tape that he made me until it wore out. When I moved to a new school I remember all the "established" punks making fun of me. I had shaved my head into a piddly mohawk and had spraypainted my favorite bands onto an old jean jacket that I bought at a thrift store. They asked me if I knew certain bands and when I said I didn't they just made fun of me. I remember them using me as a junk pile for all their non-hip punk stuff. I remember them laughing as I bought old GBH albums and wearing a DK's Tshirt every day. To them, because I didn't know some bands I wasn't a "real" punk. I hated being made fun of, but I knew inside that I was punk and they were just assholes. Today I'm still punk and they are gone.

SNOTRAG

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This food had better be vegan!

Welcome to The Snotrag

I published the first couple issues of King Maxwell's Snotrag in Vermont at the heyday of my hardcore days. Back then the zine focused on Straightedge, Mountain-biking, and the burgeoning Vermont Hardcore scene. I find myself in a new city that I am growing to really care about. Here in Pittsburgh, my focus has been much more political and a little less "hard". But I think that a free zine is always welcome so I figured I'd give it a shot. I think that music and art represent the real avenues of change. I think that most people grow and learn new things by having contact with interesting people and with art. Music is a uniquely powerful method of persuasion. So here is Pittsburgh punk rock political art zine that has found its way into your hands. Enjoy!

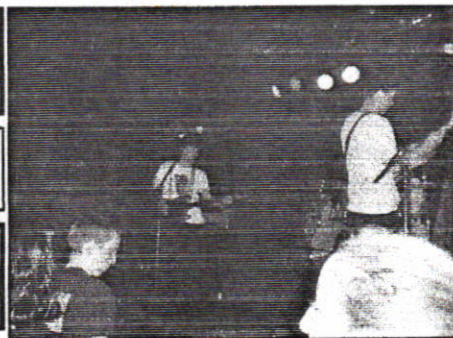
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Oppression is interconnected. We need to be careful when we struggle to make a difference that we don't oppress people we have never thought about. Don't despair, because this means that you have more allies that you will ever know about. Strive in your own life to seek out compassionate people who are struggling to make a difference. Keep an open-mind and don't dismiss people who have thought about something as carefully as you have. Maybe with some time they can get to where you are. Remember the struggles of animals, women, gays and lesbians, the poor, homeless, people of color, the environment, anti-war activists, are all YOUR fight!



**Punk
Rock**



**53rd
state**

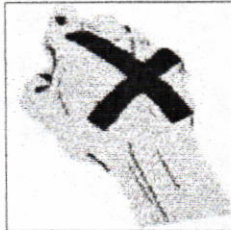


"From the vantage point of workers, as several criminologists have pointed out, theft at the workplace is also strategy to recover unpaid wages and/or compensate for low wages and mistreatment. In the tobacco factories of North Carolina, black workers not only stole cigarettes and chewing tobacco, but in Durham at least, workers figured out a way to rig the clock in order to steal time. And in the coal mines of Birmingham and Appalachia, miners pilfered large chunks of coke and coal for their home ovens. . . . During the great Depression, for example, jobless and underemployed working people whose essential utilities had been turned off for nonpayment literally stole fuel, water, and electricity: people appropriated coal, drew free electricity by tapping power lines with copper wires, illegally turned on water mains, and destroyed vacant homes for firewood".

Robin D. G. Kelley *Race Rebels*



**Thanks
and
Shout-
Outs!**



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RESISTANCE!



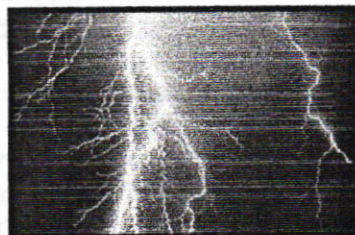
One of my cats Geeba lounging in the sun.

"Acknowledging how aboriginal we are culturally—how the United States and Europe, too, have been influenced by Native American as well as European ideas—would require significant textbook rewriting. If we recognized American Indians as important intellectual antecedents of our political structure, we would have to acknowledge that acculturation has been a two-way street, and we might have to reassess the assumption of a primitive Indian culture that legitimates the entire conquest".

— James Loewen, *Lies My Teacher Taught Me*

"A new ice age is setting in, the transverse sutures are closing up and everywhere throughout the corn belt the fetal world is dying, turning to dead mastoid".

— Henry Miller, *Tropic of Cancer*



"Dismissed or forgotten were the ravaged colonial peoples who for centuries endured summary justice, unending economic oppression, distortion of their social and intimate lives, and a recourseless submission that was the function of unchanging European superiority. One only need to keep in mind the millions of Africans who were supplied to the slave trade is to acknowledge the unimaginable cost of maintaining that superiority"

— Edward Said, *Culture and Imperialism*.

**Act for
Justice
Speak Truth to
Power
Remember
those who came
Before You
Fight for
Change
Believe in
others.**



"In this isolating and pathologizing context, virtually every gay man and lesbian in the United States had to cope alone with the formidable problem of constructing a viable identity in a hostile culture; they had to invent themselves from scratch, unaided, and without either social or ideological support for their gender nonconformity".

— Sandra Lipsitz Bem, *Lenses of Gender*

**Aus Rotten
and Guest
vocalist
voice rage.**

"You think you got me pinned down?
You think you know me like the back of your hand?
Do you think I'm that weak?
That I'll buy into your scam?
Sell your product by exploiting women,
A sales catch only for the blind.
Targeting people's addiction,
Sell a product that eats at their mind,
I don't know why you think some people are less human,
and you use them to make a sale
Your sexist and racist advertisements are becoming
very stale,
You can't get through, no you won't get through
No, you can't break me
Billboards spread the lie
Their bottom line is consume or die
drink up and don't forget your addiction is their pay-check.
glamorize the poisons that they try to sell, make it
seem like heaven when its really fucking hell

CHOKEHOLD, DECEPTION



Who the hell are these tablers? Members of Friends of Animals, Pitt's animal rights group: Anne, TJ, Cliff, and Sara.



Friends of Animals
Protesting Animal
Experimentation at
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Why Animal Rights is Important

1. Animal suffering desensitizes us to human suffering.
2. Respect for living things should be the foundation of a liberation politics.
3. Animals can suffer, so we must act.
4. It is one of the least thought about and argued subjects, most people just don't think about animals.
5. Animals don't have voices to speak for themselves.
6. Animal Rights can make a difference in this world.

Good Eats and Mean Treats

Mom's BEAN PIE

You Need: an onion, green pepper, tomato, one or two cans of beans, tortillas (or corn chips), salt, salsa. Make it: chop up veggies. Layer a tortilla in the bottom of a pan, sprinkle 1/3rd of veggies on tort, and cover w/ a third of your beans, cover w/ tort and repeat until out of ingredients. Works well w/ whatever veggies you have around and stale tortillas. Bake for 20 minutes at 325 degrees. Top w/ salsa and season w/ salt.

Kitchen Equipment

You don't need much to have a functional kitchen. A good sized steel bowl functions as a salad bowl, wok, and frying pan. A single pan with a good lid for rice, stews and pasta. One oven dish to bake stuff in (squash!), one strainer, a knife to chop veggies and a fork and spoon or two. You can use a bowl to eat out of, and a pair of good sturdy mugs should cover your beverage needs. Enjoy!

Stir Fry Tricks

1. Steam Greenbeans first
2. Buy Firm tofu at the Co-op, then press the water out of it.
3. Make a sauce out of soy sauce, water, vinegar, sugar and a touch of corn starch.
4. Cover rice and let it steam to heat.
5. Don't overcook veggies.

Chickpeas Rock

You Need: a can of chickpeas, pasta, pasta sauce, corn, vegan margarine and any other veggies you have around.

Make it: Boil a pot of water & cook pasta, add chickpeas, corn (frozen is cool), and any other veggies. Strain everything and then add to a big bowl. Add a touch of vegan margarine and then top w/ pasta sauce. This meal is easy to make in a dorm & w/just one pot and a strainer.

what straightedge means to me

I've been straightedge for eleven years. When I first became straightedge it was because my friends were all getting screwed up and I was angry that they chose drugs over our friendship.

Straightedge was a way for me to deal with my anger and a positive space for an angry kid. Soon I realized that my own self-righteousness was losing me friends in the same way that my drug-using friends had ruined our friendship. I've let up and try not to judge people for what they choose to do. My own life is an example of a clean life, and I hope that I have enough fun to be an example to others. Straightedge shouldn't be a gang on a fashion statement. It is a personal decision that a person should make on their own. Straightedge is about believing in yourself, not picking on the failures of others.

"Such new modes can be indicated only in negative terms because they would amount to the negation of the prevailing modes. Thus economic freedom would mean freedom from the economy — from being controlled by economic forces and relationships; freedom from the daily struggle for existence, from earning a living".

— Herbert Marcuse, *One Dimensional Man*

Education or Slavery?

Most folks I know hate school. People hate school because it isn't interesting and it isn't taught very well. Most teachers want to break students down first, make sure that the student knows that the teacher is "boss". Part of this is to tell the student that they don't know anything about the subject. I have a secret to tell you: you already know a lot of what your teacher is going to tell you. And if you don't, you could figure it out on your own. Teachers need to be authorities to ensure that they have a job. They want you to be an educational consumer and they have the product to sell. I call BULLSHIT, educate yourself and teach the teachers to respect us.

Schools prepare us for work, they make us commodities to be bought, sold and controled. Resist Education by making your own truths.



Aus- Rotten Speaks Revolt for Animals



Fine Day by State of the
Nation
Its so easy
to sulk in our confusion
its so easy
resolve to live as victims
its so easy
letting go of all hope

watch illusion take control
Its a fine day to uprise!
its so hard
to keep on fighting
its so hard
when authorities divide us
its so hard
when the media rides us